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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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LUDOVICUS M. TOLHUIZEN ET AL.

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Title: TRANSMISSION SYSTEM USING AN IMPROVED SIGNAL ENCODER AND

DECODER

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE ABSTRACT

Please delete the Abstract in its entirety and substitute therefor the enclosed Substitute Abstract, where a marked-up version is attached as Appendix A.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows, where a marked-up version is attached as Appendix B:

Replace the paragraph on page 5, between lines 23-28 of the specification with the following: